

### CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1. (currently amended) A chain lock for link chains with two lock parts (1) which can be displaced by limited amounts with respect to each other in ~~the~~ a longitudinal direction of the lock in order to open and close the lock ~~and in each case have two~~ , each lock part having opposed ends which are connected to each other via a longitudinal web (2), one of said opposed ends forming ~~and of which in each case one forms~~ a stud (5) having a retaining web (7) extending over part of ~~the~~ a circumference of the stud, and ~~one is~~ the other of said opposed ends being provided with a recess (6) ~~serving to receive~~ for receiving the stud (5) and having a retaining groove (13) for the retaining web (7), characterized in that ~~the height (H) of the stud (5) and of the recess (6)~~ have a height (H) which is equal to ~~the~~ an inner width ( $b_1$ ) of the lock, and in that the stud (5) has a plurality of said retaining webs (7, 8) arranged one above another, and the recess (6) has a plurality of said retaining grooves (13, 14) arranged one above another.

Claim 2. (currently amended) The chain lock as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that ~~the~~ a distance ( $a$  and  $a'$ , respectively) between the retaining webs (7, 8) and the retaining grooves (13, 14) is equal to ~~the~~ a width ( $b_s$  and  $b_n$ ,

respectively) of the retaining webs (7, 8) and the retaining grooves (13, 14).

Claim 3. (currently amended) The chain lock as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that ~~the~~ a distance (a and a', respectively) between the retaining webs (7, 8) and the retaining grooves (13, 14) is larger than the width ( $b_s$  and  $b_n$ , respectively) of the retaining webs (7, 8) and the retaining grooves (13, 14).

Claim 4. (previously presented) The chain lock as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the stud (5) has two retaining webs (7, 8) and the recess (6) has two retaining grooves (13, 14).

Claim 5. (previously presented) The chain lock as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the stud (5) and the recess (6) are provided with a respective transverse hole (11, 16) serving to receive a securing element, which can also be used for transmission of force.

Claim 6. (previously presented) The chain lock as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the stud (5) and the recess (6) have a cross section which widens or expands continuously in the longitudinal direction of the lock.

Claim 7. (currently amended) The chain lock as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the flanks of the retaining webs (7, 8) are ~~of wedge-shaped design and those~~ that side wall sections of the retaining grooves (13, 14) which face the flanks of the retaining webs (7, 8) have a bevel corresponding to ~~the a~~ wedge angle ( $\alpha$ ) of the flanks of the retaining webs.

Claim 8. (currently amended) The chain lock as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that ~~the~~ flanks of the stud (5) and ~~the~~ side walls of the recess (6) ~~in each case~~ enclose an angle ( $\alpha$ ) of 10 to 30°.

Claim 9. (currently amended) The chain lock as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that ~~the depth ( $t_n$ ) of~~ the retaining grooves (13, 14) have a depth ( $t_n$ ) of 2 to 6 mm, which receive the retaining webs (7, 8) essentially without play ~~is 2 to 6 mm.~~

Claim 10. (currently amended) The chain lock as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that ~~the height ( $h_s$ ) of~~ the retaining webs (7, 8) have a height which is approximately 2 to 6 mm.

Claim 11. (currently amended) A chain lock for link chains with two lock parts (1) which can be displaced by limited amounts with respect to each other in ~~the a~~ longitudinal direction of the lock in order to open and close the lock ~~and in each case have two~~, each lock part having opposed ends which are connected to each other via a longitudinal web (2); one of said opposed ends

~~forming and of which in each case one forms~~ a stud (5) having a retaining web (7) extending over part of ~~the~~ a circumference of the stud, and the other of said opposed ends being ~~and one is~~ provided with a recess (6) ~~serving to receive~~ for receiving the stud (5) and having a retaining groove (13) for the retaining web (7), characterized in that the stud (5) has a plurality of said retaining webs (7, 8) arranged one above another, and the recess (6) has a plurality of said retaining grooves (13, 14) arranged one above another.

Claim 12. (previously presented) The chain lock as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the stud (5) has two retaining webs (7, 8) and the recess (6) has two retaining grooves (13, 14).

Claim 13. (previously presented) The chain lock as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the stud (5) has two retaining webs (7, 8) and the recess (6) has two retaining grooves (13, 14).

Claim 14. (previously presented) The chain lock as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the stud (5) and the recess (6) are provided with a respective transverse hole (11, 16) serving to receive a securing element, which can also be used for transmission of force.

Claim 15. (previously presented) The chain lock as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the stud (5) and the recess (6) are provided with a respective transverse hole (11, 16) serving to receive a securing element, which can also be used for transmission of force.

Claim 16. (previously presented) The chain lock as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the stud (5) and the recess (6) have a cross section which widens or expands continuously in the longitudinal direction of the lock.

Claim 17. (currently amended) The chain lock as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that ~~the~~ a distance (a and a', respectively) between the retaining webs (7, 8) and the retaining grooves (13, 14) is equal to the width ( $b_s$  and  $b_n$ , respectively) of the retaining webs (7, 8) and the retaining grooves (13, 14).

Claim 18. (currently amended) The chain lock as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that ~~the~~ a distance (a and a', respectively) between the retaining webs (7, 8) and the retaining grooves (13, 14) is larger than the width ( $b_s$  and  $b_n$ , respectively) of the retaining webs (7, 8) and the retaining grooves (13, 14).

Claim 19. (previously presented) The chain lock as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the stud (5) has two retaining

webs (7, 8) and the recess (6) has two retaining grooves (13, 14).

Claim 20. (previously presented) The chain lock as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the stud (5) and the recess (6) are provided with a respective transverse hole (11, 16) serving to receive a securing element, which can also be used for transmission of force.